MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This can be replied only after an investigation.

(*c*) and (*d*) Yes the matter has been brought to the notice of the P. W. D. by the Revenue authorities.

(*e*) No, the exact ayacut can be ascertained only after an investigation.

(*f*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know whether there is any tank or *kulam* adjacent to this *chira*?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have no information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to enquire whether there is any tank adjacent to the *chira* which is useful for cultivation of paddy if it is improved.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a question of future action.

The Anchal Test.

31. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Anchal Department Test was introduced by the Government;

(*b*) when it was stopped;

(*c*) why it was introduced and why it was stopped;

(*d*) the total number of people who have passed that test;

(*e*) the number of such people who are now permanently employed in the department;

(*f*) whether there are any permanent hands in the department now (on 25-8-36) who have not passed the test but appointed since the test was introduced;

(*g*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the affirmative, the dates on which they were appointed and the dates on which they were confirmed;

(*h*) whether any special sanction of the Government was obtained to appoint and confirm them;

(*i*) the number of acting hands and volunteers in the department now (on 25-8-36);

(*j*) whether there are any acting hands with Anchal Test in the department now (on 25-8-36); and

(*k*) if the answer to part (*j*) is in the affirmative, the dates on which each was first entertained in the department and the duration of service of each till 1st Chingam 1112?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Anchal Departmental Test was introduced by Government in 1097.

(*b*) 1104.

(*c*) The examination was introduced so that the candidates seeking employment in the Anchal Department may have a practical knowledge of the Travancore Anchal Regulation, Rules and Orders at the

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time they are recruited. The same was not conducted after 1103 since a large number of candidates with the Anchal Test were then without employment.

(*d*) 197.

(*e*) The total number of such people who are permanently employed in the department is 115.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) *Vide* *statement A appended.

(*h*) Yes, for items from 1 to 15.

(*i*) The total number of volunteers in the department is 295 and they are distributed among different Divisions and acting appointments are given when vacancies arise.

(*j*) Yes.

(*k*) *Vide* *statement B appended.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): With reference to answer to part (*h*) may I know why the special sanction of the Government was necessary ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Of those, six were ladies and eight were graduates.

PRESIDENT : Will the hon'ble member raise his voice a little louder ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Of those who were appointed, six were ladies and eight were graduates.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : That is not my question. My question is why special sanction was necessary ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Because they had not passed the Anchal Test.

MR. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know whether, in the order instituting the examination there was an order that only people who have passed the Anchal Test will be appointed in the department ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It was not in the order instituting the examination ; but the rules regarding appointment require that candidates before confirmation must have passed the Anchal Test Examination. But subsequent to 1103, there was no Anchal Test Examination ; and these people were confirmed between 1102 and 1109 even though they had not passed the Anchal Test.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know why these people who have not passed the test were confirmed when there were acting hands who have passed the test and who have got more service ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There were in the department at that time about 19 people who had passed the Anchal Test Examination. Fifteen of them have been confirmed subsequently and there are four who cannot be confirmed because of the G. O. regarding Public Service Recruitment. They have not got a total service of three years.

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*Vide Appendix I—pages 117 & 118.

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MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know whether the present Anchal Superintendent has recommended another list of persons to be confirmed irrespective of the qualification of the Anchal Test Examination ?

PRESIDENT : Is it a public document that the honourable member is referring to ?

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : No, Sir. I was ascertaining whether that is a fact.

PRESIDENT : Is it the honourable member's question whether it is a fact that one officer of the department has sent a confidential list of persons to another officer of the Government for appointment ? Is that the question ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know why ladies without qualifications were appointed when there were qualified men for the same post ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No lady without qualifications was appointed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : It has been stated that ladies who have not passed the Anchal Test Examination were confirmed earlier than men who have passed the Anchal Test Examination. I wish to know whether there is any rule which justifies such a preference in the Anchal Department alone ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : They could not be compelled to pass the test because there was no examination between 1103 and 1109.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What I want to know is whether there is any rule or order which gives preference to ladies who have not passed a particular test over men who have passed that test ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Everybody is aware that preference is being given to ladies in several departments recently.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What I wish to know is whether it is left to the sweet will and pleasure of the head of the department or whether there is any rule issued to the effect ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : They have been appointed with the sanction of Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : It has been stated that there is difficulty to confirm four volunteers because of the Public Service G. O. I wish to know why persons without qualifications were confirmed before the Public Service G. O. while men who have passed the Anchal Test were available ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Obviously there were no vacancies because these people were confirmed earlier.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*)) : May I know why they were not confirmed before the Public Service G. O. was issued ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Because there were no permanent vacancies, as the vacancies were filled by these ladies and graduates.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why the rule laid down with reference to part (*c*) was not adhered to? In part (*c*) of the answer it is stated:—

"The examination was introduced so that the candidates seeking employment in the Anchal Department may have a practical knowledge of the Travancore Anchal Regulation, Rules and Orders at the time they are recruited. The same was not conducted after 1103 since a large number of candidates with the Anchal Test were then without employment."

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It was in order to afford employment for ladies.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether it has been subsequently found out that graduates and ladies would do better than those who have passed the departmental test?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The inference does not follow. But I may say for the information of the member that the Anchal Test Examination will be held again and those who have not passed the examination will be given a chance to do so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether.....

PRESIDENT: Will the honourable member allow another member to satisfy his quench?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether, out of the 82 persons who have passed the examination and who have not been entertained, there are not graduates possessing at least equal qualifications as those who have been confirmed?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Only 115 candidates out of 197 deposited the security and entered service. The others might have sought their fortune elsewhere. That is why they were not employed.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether when vacancies arose Government sent orders to them and they have declined to accept it? It was said that they might have been absorbed in other departments. I would like to know whether the Government enquired into the question and satisfied themselves that they had already been absorbed in other departments or sought their fortunes elsewhere?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If the member would refer to Appendix I he will find that the last name, G. Krishna Pillai, who is a graduate and who has passed the Anchal Test in 1102 entered service on 8-7 1101. He waited eight years before he came to the department. There is no bar to anyone who has passed the Anchal test volunteering after furnishing the deposit.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from Government whether there are persons with equal qualifications and who have not passed the Anchal test in the waiting list?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is there anything to prevent the holding of examination for ladies in the Anchal Department before they were appointed even if Government thought some test was necessary?

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MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No examination was held.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the reason why?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It was thought necessary that some consideration should be shown to the ladies.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know why concession could not be shown to ladies by giving them an opportunity of passing the Anchal Test?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There were no examinations held subsequent to 1103.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the reason for the examination not being held was that there were too many people waiting who have passed the Anchal Test and may I know whether it is not the policy of the Government to appoint people who have passed the Anchal Test?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The policy of Government is to appoint people who have passed the test but no examination was held subsequent to 1103 and it was not necessary to institute a special test for ladies. Another ground is the fact that the Anchal Manual and the rules are now under revision and only after that work is completed further examinations could be held.

The Anchal Superintendent's Office.

32. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why the Anchal Superintendent's Office had been shifted from its old site opposite the Public Offices;

(*b*) whether it is now (on 25-8-1936) located in a rented building or a Government building; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is "rented building", the rent per mensem?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The Chief Engineer suggested that the further continuance of office in the old building would be risky.

(*b*) Rented building.

(*c*) Bh. Rs. (80) eighty.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to part (*a*) of the answer may I know why the Chief Engineer found the building to be not strong enough?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The building is about 60 years old and the walls have cracked and it was thought necessary that the office should be shifted.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any office now in the place of the Superintendent's former office?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Sir, there is a small office, the Humanitarian Society Office and the Anchal

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Appendix I.

A

Vide **Answer to Question No. 31.**

Statement showing the dates of appointment and confirmation of the subordinates in the Anchal Department who have not passed the Anchal Test.

		Date of appointment	Date of confirmation
1	M. Rama Varrier ...	27-6-106	1-6-108
2	G. Vasudevan Pillai ...	15-9-106	11-11-108
3	V. C. Chacko ...	16-12-106	1-6-108
4	K. V. Koshy ...	1-11-104	1-6-108
5	Raghavan Pillai ...	5-11-105	1-6-108
6	Sumathy Amma ...	10-4-105	7-5-106
7	Mary John ...	15-11-106	14-1-107
8	V. J. Joseph ...	25-8-107	15-10-109
9	K. Kaliyanikutty Amma ...	11-4-105	14-4-110
10	J. F. Chacko ...	23-2-107	15-12-108
11	L. Bhargavi Amma ...	10-8-106	28-11-106
12	K. Lekshikutty Amma ...	26-4-105	1-6-108
13	M. Vasudevan Namboori ...	19-11-95	10-7-102
14	Ravi Varma Thampan ...	1-8-102	23-3-105
15	P. M. Sarada ...	1-8-108	1-1-109
16	Adityavarma Raja	He was transferred from the Palace.	
17	P. Sankaranarayana Aiyar	He was transferred from the Devaswom Department	

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Appendix I—(*contd.*)

B

Statement showing the names of acting hands with Anchal Test in the Anchal Department.

		Date of deposit of security (commencement of service as clerk volunteer)	Duration of volunteer service as clerk.			
			Yrs	Mnths	Dys	
1	M. K. Raman Pillai	15-1-103	8	10	6	
2	P. I. John	25-3-103	8	9	6	
3	G. Vasudevan Nair	13-8-103	8	4	18	
4	S. Subramanian Potti	6-11-103	8	1	25	
5	T. K. Philipose	2-2-104	7	10	29	
6	M. O. Kunjappy	1-3-104	7	10	0	
7	S. Govinda Pillai	6-3-104	7	9	25	
8	R. Krishna Pillai	5-4-104	7	8	26	
9	M. Sivasankara Pillai	14-4-104	7	8	16	
10	J. Yohannan	13-4-104	7	8	18	
11	K. M. Oommen	19-7-104	7	5	12	
12	Madhavan Pillai	4-8-104	6	4	27	
13	K. M. Thomas	3-3-103 5-11-105	6	1	26	He was N. D. Master
14	G. Kuttan Pillai	23-3-106	5	9	8	
15	P. Narayana Pillai	20-6-106	5	6	11	
16	V. C. Kunchandy	21-12-106	5	0	10	
17	K. K. Neelakanta Pillai	8-5-107	4	7	23	
18	N. J. Mathew	12-4-109	2	8	19	He was N.D. Master and was made a clerk-volunteer since Government exempted him from passing the Anchal test and the general education qualification.
19	G Krishna Pillai	8-7-111	0	5	23	

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